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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Driver Candidate - [redacted]

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1. I was called by [redacted] on 25 July 1961 and informed that a request had been received to temporarily release subject from the imposed freeze status to allow him to participate in the flight test course at Edwards Air Force Base during the period 28 August 1961 through April 1962.

2. Subject is identified as a nominee of General Flickinger's. He ranks as number 17 in a list of 22 on the basis of operational order of preference. Subject is not current in the Century Series.

3. [redacted] indicated that he was taking action to release subject from the freeze. I asked [redacted] whether Colonel Geary had concurred in the release. [redacted] did not know. I advised him that the matter would be referred to appropriate individuals on our side. The matter was referred to [redacted]

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4. On 26 July this matter was discussed with Colonel Geary by [redacted] and myself. It was Colonel Geary's position that it was his responsibility to have available, at times needed by us, potentially qualified driver candidates. He felt subject should be temporarily released due to his relatively low ranking, his lack of currency in the Century Series, the possible benefit to us of the proposed assignment, and the importance of the assignment to subject's career. Colonel Geary has guaranteed that an equally qualified candidate would be made available to us when and if such a need ever came into existence.

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